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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: BOATANCHORS digest 2941

BOATANCHORS Digest 2941

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by JOHN.SEHRING@ecunet.org
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by =?iso-8859-1?Q?Andr=E9\_Guibert?= <aguibert@sympatico.ca>
- 17) Re: Tr: Identify Kon-Tiki LI2B transmitter , Follow-up  
by David Ross <ross@hypertools.com>
- 18) Re: CALL SIGN HERITAGE

by plmills@attglobal.net

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Date: Thu, 06 Jul 2000 23:20:22 -0700  
From: john hurst <hurstjsj@gte.net>  
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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
CC: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Re: 6L7 as IF tube  
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The 1937 ARRL HB (p 131) shows a "High Performance Superhet" using a single 6L7 IF amp. AVC voltage is fed to grids 1 and 3 as you described. This dual grid AVC circuit probably gave a flatter AVC characteristic than what one could get with a single 6K7.  
73, John, KU6X

"Marty's Refl. Drop" wrote:

> I've got a '37 RCA shipboard that uses 'em where remote cut-offs like  
> 6K7s found.  
>  
> Osc. injection grid has AVC & RF bypass. AVC also on sig. (cap) grid.  
>  
> Anyone else ever see this "good idea?"  
>  
> Marty

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Message-ID: <39656F3F.8B04EFC4@vifp.monash.edu.au>  
Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2000 15:48:47 +1000  
From: Morris Odell <morriso@vifp.monash.edu.au>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Alkaline A batteries  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
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Hi all,

I have seen hi capacity "rechargeable alkaline" cells available that might be ideal for feeding filaments. Does anyone know whet the charging requirements for these beasts are?

Morris

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Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2000 07:23:35 -0400  
From: "Robert G. Flory" <RobandPJ@compuserve.com>  
Subject: Opening IF cans  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Message-ID: <200007070723\_MC2-AB74-E48D@compuserve.com>  
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Hello,

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Thanks,

Rob Flory

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Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2000 09:00:20 -0400 (EDT)  
From: Al Schapira <schapira@cadence.com>  
Message-Id: <200007071300.JAA00997@npult10a2.Cadence.COM>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: FS: NAVPERS: original Navy electronics training manuals  
Cc: schapira@cadence.com

FS: NAVPERS 100xx, Old original Navy electronics training manuals.  
All softcover, original manuals. \$8 each, post paid, or \$26 for all four.

1. NAVPERS 10087 "Basic Electronics", 1955, 5 x 7 3/4, 728 pgs, cover worn, contents excellent.
2. NAVPERS 10087-C, "Basic Electronics Vol 1", reprinted 1980, 8 x 10, 566 pgs, cover & contents excellent.
3. NAVPERS 10086-A, "Basic Electricity", 1960, 8 x 10, 448 pgs, cover dirty & worn, contents excellent.
4. NAVPERS 10547-B, "Electrician's Mate 1 & C", 1968, 8 x 10, 196 pgs, cover worn, contents excellent.

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-Al Schapira  
schapira@cadence.com

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Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"  
Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2000 12:34:13 -0400  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
From: Richard Post <post@ouvaxa.cats.ohiou.edu>  
Subject: Identify Kon-Tiki LI2B transmitter , Follow-up

Anchorites,

Hue suggested I ask the questions below of the group. Does B2 equal the Mark II? Did any of the LI2B transmitters survive?

> Can anyone identify the  
>|transmitter?  
>  
>That's a British WW2 "spy set" B2, i believe.

Hue,

I located the 12-47 issue of QST which has much of the ham-related detail of the Kon-Tiki expedition. Had not known that the article existed. It provides some info on three home-brew transmitters designed and constructed by ham engineers at National, in aluminum water tight cases. One operated on 7 and 14 Mc, another at 28 Mc, and a third for 50 Mc. A Gibson Girl type was also aboard for 500 and 8280 Kc.

It also notes that aboard were "two of the famous British 3-16 Mc. Mark II transmitters (dropped by the hundreds in all occupied countries during the war)." Is that the same as the B2?

Only dry batteries were used, no wet cells.

Rich

I think it's the same set. Why don't you ask on the group? Also - if it IS this same, the set is one piece, but apparently the rcvr was judged too simple to be up to this task.

I sure hope those Nat'l transmitters survive. That would be some collectible, would it not?

Hue

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Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2000 13:06:32 -0400  
From: "ROBERT W. DOWNS" <RWDowns\_WA5CAB@compuserve.com>  
Subject: RE: Vanity Calls  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Message-ID: <200007071306\_MC2-AB77-7B72@compuserve.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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charset=ISO-8859-1  
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Group,

I'm inclined to agree with Ronnie rather than Arden. I'm rather attached=

to "WA5CAB", and having been issued nearly 40 years ago, it is getting close to being old in its own right. However, after discovering QRZ.com and using it to confirm a name before answering an email, etc., I decided=

to check on the call of my elmer, W5MO. Imagine my surprise when it came=

up as current, and with a name (Monte) that seemed familiar. I sent the guy an email asking him how the hell he got Gabby's call. Turns out that=

Mr Gaddis was his elmer as well, just a few years later than me, and that=

we had met numerous times half a century ago in 4-H and Scouts. He also got permission from the family. I guess that it would be small minded of=

me to think that he should have asked me as well! :-)

BA connection - my first rig, a BC-454 and BC-696, came from W5MO.

>in my instance I got permission from family members of SK Robert =

>Ehrhardt, the former W5SUM, to use his callsign. I've never looked =

>back. =

>I think vanity callsigns are great. It puts some of those older =

>callsigns back on the air and I'm glad to hear them. They remind of =

>Ham Radio past!! Some of the newer callsigns are very confusing =

>to me LOL... but thats my problems

Robert Downs  
WA5CAB  
Houston

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Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2000 13:06:30 -0400  
From: "ROBERT W. DOWNS" <RWDowns\_WA5CAB@compuserve.com>  
Subject: RE: AC Connector Needed  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Message-ID: <200007071306\_MC2-AB77-7B70@compuserve.com>  
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Don & Group,

This sounds like the same connector as used on the RA-20 supply in the BC-342 and 344. I just looked through my power cords and it looks like I've already parted with one more than I should have. However, there are=

several of these old style AC connectors that are no longer made and have=

become difficult to find. Another good example is the twist-lock for the=

BC-610 (in this one, you can still buy the same Hubbel part number, but t=

he  
new ones are larger in diameter and won't go into the recessed socket).

The reason that I replied to Don's post, despite not having the plug that=

he wanted, is to make a suggestion. I don't know how it is in other part=  
s  
of the country, but every weekend this time of the year, there are hundre=  
ds  
of Garage sales or yard sales around here. Likewise in San Antonio, so  
they may be common elsewhere as well. If you look around the tables, you=  
will usually find a box of miscellaneous electrical components, AC outlet=  
s,  
switches, plugs, etc. Dig through these. In the last 6 months, I've fou=  
nd  
one of the plugs that Don needs, and two that with minor mods will fit th=  
e  
BC-610, an early Weller soldering iron good for antenna work, etc.

On the subject of the BC-610 twist-lock AC plug, the original was metal a=  
nd  
bakelite, and "officially" rated at 115VAC/20Amps. Newer ones (70's on I=  
think) are plastic, either clear or opaque. The same basic connector was=  
made in several ratings, including 15Amp and some 220VAC variants, plus o=  
ne  
or two marked for DC. The electrical "guts" are all the same, the  
difference being in the slots in the face. A little minor work with a mi=  
ll  
and rotary table, Dremel or even a small file is all that is necessary to=  
convert them. Usually, only one slot needs to be modified.

73,  
Robert Downs  
WA5CAB  
Houston

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Cc: boatanchors@theporch.com  
Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2000 10:28:15 -0500  
Subject: Re: Opening IF cans  
Message-ID: <20000707.120356.-276313.4.jackiv@juno.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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From: jackiv@juno.com

Yes, many of the older sets had B+ by-pass caps in the if cans. If the decoupler resistor in the B+ line to the if can is fried, open the can as you described.

But if there is a lead going to a tube grid remove the grid cap, solder a small diameter wire to the lead so you can get the lead through the can after replacing the capacitor.

jack

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> Rob Flory

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From: K8MF0@aol.com

Message-ID: <fb.80cb7eb.26978169@aol.com>

Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2000 14:54:33 EDT

Subject: BA - Manuals and Other Literature for Sale

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"



Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Boxes of stuff everywhere! Does that sound familiar? It's time to clean the hamshack so I can fit more treasure into it!

ALL PRICES INCLUDE SHIPPING IN THE CONTINENTAL USA. If my price on an item is out of line, please tell me.... If you want something, tell me and I will send you a confirming message.

#### Original Manuals in Good Shape

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Dentron MLA-2500 Amplifier - \$11  
Icom PS-15 Power Supply - \$9  
Heathkit TC-3 Tube Checker - \$11

#### BA and Other Literature

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The Satellite Experimenter's Handbook (ARRL) - \$8  
Computer Programs for Amateur Radio - \$8  
All About Cubical Quad Antennas (Orr) - \$8  
Television Interference Second Edition (Remington Rand) - \$8  
ARRL Antenna Book - 1949 Edition - \$10  
ARRL Antenna Book - 1968 Edition - \$10  
ARRL Antenna Book - 1944 Edition - \$10  
The Radio Antenna Handbook (Radio Magazine) - 1936 - \$12  
RCA Guide for Transmitting Tubes (1941) - \$10

#### Old Magazines

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6 issues of Radio Index (The All Wave Radio Magazine) - 11/32, 2/33, 11/34, 6/35 (no cover), 10/36, and 12/38 - \$16 for all of them.

Amateur Radio Review - 1/34 (no cover), 9/34 - \$5 for both

White's Radio Log - Spring 1953 - \$3

Dial Locations for United States Broadcast Stations - Tung Sol (think from May 1941) - \$3

#### Radio Amateur Call Books

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Summer 1957 Foreign, Spring 1964 Foreign, Winter 1970-71 US \$8  
each or all 3 for \$20

Questions? Remember, prices include shipping in CONUS.

Don Karvonen - K8MFO k8mfo@aol.com

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Message-ID: <02ed01bfe84b\$38ce5220\$191699c2@midshires>  
From: "Andrew Emmerson" <midshires@cix.co.uk>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Army training manual sought  
Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2000 19:54:48 +0100  
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I recently acquired the US Army training manual 'Fundamentals of =  
Telephony' and am told there's another TM devoted to automatic (dial) =  
telephony alone.

Does anyone know this one? I need the TM number in order to try and find =  
a copy to buy.

Thanks  
Andy G8PTH.

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\* Mail Lists at theporch.com only accept PLAIN TEXT \*  
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Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2000 16:01:57 -0400 (EDT)

Message-Id: <200007072001.e67K1vE17923@ecunet.org>

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Subject: MARANTZ 10B FM TUNER

From: JOHN.SEHRING@ecunet.org

To: boatanchors@theporch.com

> Your quest is hopeless. Give up immediately to save yourself from  
> untold troubles. Box up the offending equipment today and ship it to  
> me. I'll suffer the effects of this deamon of toobedom and save you  
> from further danger. It can sit near my McIntosh MX-110 tuner-preamp.  
> Maybe the Mac will give up oscillating if it gets company.  
> --Ray Morgan

Thankfully, I don't *have* a 10B. I just want a look at the schematic to see how that lovely o'scope ct worked as well as the rest of it! E.g. if it used Armbigeau's ct philosophy of many cascaded very wideband amp/hard limiter combos. Mr. A worked on finding the best capture ratio & AM rejection ratio in a bdcst FM rx.

If I had one, it would sit next to my HH Scott 310-D & Fisher FM-80.

> If, on the other hand, you are unable to act on my purely well-meant  
> advice and you choose to keep the thing, do find the article on VTV  
> (Vacuum Tube Valley) of about three years ago that reviewed the 10B. It  
> included some lore of Saul Marantz, told of the special test setup that  
> was used to align the IF strip (at working temperature, by the way), and  
> talked about the choice of tubes.

Do you have this art? Sounds like a touchy ct.

> It may be Dick Sequerra whom I remember as giving the following stern  
> advice: "Do not, under any circumstances, attempt to align the IF  
> strip." He assured the readers of the audio news group that they would  
> certainly degrade the performance of any 10B without special knowledge,  
> equipment and lots of experience.

Wow & whoa!

> If you want to understand the engineering behind the IF strip, dig into  
> the EE texts of the time, including Valley and Wallman and Terman, on  
> the topic of phase linear broadband amplifiers. The integral calculus  
> may be overwhelming, but the idea is to create a broadbanded amplifier  
> with minimum phase distortion across the band. I do not know any  
> details of the test setup used at Marantz, (or at manufacturers of radar  
> IF strips), but my guess is that a set of frequencies and a suitable  
> detection system were used that allowed them to measure the phase error  
> and tune for minimum.

Yes, phase linear IF bandpass is the way to go for minimum distortion & best capture ratio. HH Scott was another early proponent of that with their wideband limiters & detectors.

Theoretically, I think you could measure the residual AM produced by passing FM thru such a system. Amplitude & phase ripple produce the AM. Multipath propagation can do that too.

> I have seen only one real-life Marantz 10B. I want one. Maybe I should  
> sell my S-line and go to the Pacific rim. I hear that you can buy one  
> there. (sigh)

I saw two: One in about 1962(?) when my father took me to a hifi show in New York City.

Two was in Germany around 1964 where Marantz (& other big names in hifi) sold a lot of gear to American GI's. \$695 if I remember right.

-John Sehring (Thu, Jul 6, 2000, Ipswich SD) UCC WB0EQ

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Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2000 16:01:58 -0400 (EDT)  
Message-Id: <200007072001.e67K1wA27439@ecunet.org>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: BA IN ANDY HARDY MOVIE SIGHTING  
From: JOHN.SEHRING@ecunet.org

Andy Rooney & Judy Garland in "Love finds Andy Hardy" (1938), one of the Hardy series on TCM (my favorite channel).

Real homebrew BA sighting. A message needs to get to a remote spot in Canada. Andy thinks of 12 year old ham in neighborhood. Station looks all homebrew & reasonably authentic. Uses nice big knife switch for TR switching, not exactly QSK.

Boy calls a geographic CQ. He's W8XZY is answered by VE3ABS! Ham lingo is used, e.g. OM. Pretty good. The Judge thinks it's all magic (so do I!).

Great stuff. And Judy's such a doll. Sadly, the "love" doesn't find Judy in this one, oh well. She's stuck as the nice girl next door.

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: CALL SIGN HERITAGE  
From: JOHN.SEHRING@ecunet.org

> > .....I dislike the term "Vanity Call", but that is what the  
> > FCC calls it. ....  
>  
> Why else would someone want to change his call? By going from N9GT to  
> W9GT you add a "dah" to your call sign therefore it can't be because you  
> are wearing out your keyer chasing DX. Grabbing a callsign from the  
> recently deceased is something akin to grave robbery, IMO. The FCC  
> should have a respectful waiting period before a call is reassigned  
> unless it is willed to an heir. There can also be something offensive  
> about rummaging around in someone else's past, some people value their  
> privacy. "Vanity" is the correct name for it.

There is a sufficient waiting period as someone has pointed out.

Further, this allegedly sacred call was held by no less than five other  
hams! So whose memory is being trampled on?

If you describe honoring a previous call holder by finding out who a little  
bit about he/she was (heritage) as "rummaging around", then history has no  
value either.

I am not concerned that someone else may now have the same auto license  
plate number that I've had in the past. We take nothing but our soul into  
the next life, IMO.

Are we getting way too possessive here?

-John Sehring (Fri, Jul 7, 2000, Ipswich SD) UCC WB0EQ

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From: brian.k.harris@philips.com  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: A Warm Valiant  
Message-ID: <0056910005906356000002L162\*@MHS>  
Date: Fri, 7 Jul 2000 15:23:26 -0500  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1; name="MEMO 07/07/00 15:24:28"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable  
Content-Disposition: inline

Valiant Owners,

Does the Valiant low voltage/filament transformer run so warm that you =

wouldn't want to leave your hand on it for an extended period of time? =  
I am measuring about 1.25A of primary current with the oscillator on a= and the key up, which seems a little close=20  
to the 1.5A fuse rating for comfort. Your thoughts? =20

By the way, the rig works fine (nearly 200 Watts out) and will be for s= ale shortly if anyone's interested.

Brian WA5UEK  
Plano, Texas

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Message-Id: <200007072041.QAA10593@granger.mail.mindspring.net>  
Date: Fri, 07 Jul 2000 13:50:27 +0100  
Subject: Re: 6L7 as IF tube  
From: "John Gibson" <gibsonj@mindspring.com>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
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The 6L7 was often used as a RF (somewhat noisy ) or IF tube because it has a much smaller plate/grid capacity than most pentodes and so makes a very stable amplifier. It is not prone to tuned plate/ tuned grid oscillations.

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From: =?iso-8859-1?Q?Andr=E9\_Guibert?= <aguibert@sympatico.ca>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Tr: Identify Kon-Tiki LI2B transmitter , Follow-up  
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Bonjour to All  
The proper ident. according to Pierre Lorain s Book(Armement Clandestin) is:  
Type3 MK2(Known as " B2").  
They must have been common after WW2 as I remember seing an in depth article in  
the French electronic publication " Haut Parleur".  
I have one that I beleive came from Camp X, outside Oshawa, Ont.  
Did not see the picture as my computer give up the ghost two weeks ago, could somebody

send me its address?  
Andre

----- Original Message -----

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From: David Ross <ross@hypertools.com>  
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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Re: Tr: Identify Kon-Tiki LI2B transmitter , Follow-up  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1  
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Andre & the gang -

Seeing the Type 3 MK 2 mentioned in Andre's post rang a bell...

Andr  Guibert wrote:

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> Bonjour to All  
> The proper ident. according to Pierre Lorain's Book(Armement Clandestin) is:  
> Type3 MK2(Known as " B2").

The Type 3 MK 2 is the radio mentioned in John LeCarre's "The Looking Glass War" thriller. The agent who runs the radio refers to it as a "B2", but the guy training him calls it a Type 3 MK 2.

Yeah yeah I know, it's a spy thriller and not a reference book, but LeCarre usually gets his facts right. Plus, before making it as an author, LeCarre (David Cornwell) worked for the British Foreign Service. The book is copyright 1965 - action is in East Germany, seems like around 1960.

From the book, P146 & P147:

"an old suitcase of continental pattern, dark green canvas with leather at the corners. It was open; inside were two boxes of gray steel..."

"transmitter and receiver in one box; power unit, key and earphones in the other. Crystals, a dozen of them, in a bag of parachute silk with a green drawstring threaded through the top."

From P148:

"O.K. official title, Type three, Mark two; runs on AC or a six volt car battery, but you'll be using the mains, right?"

"Fifty-seven watts on transmit and twenty-five on receive."

"Your mains lead is provided with with adapters for all continental sockets."

The 'Type three Mark two' sees quite a bit of believable action in the book, and the careless use of the radio is the cause of the agent's capture...

He neglects to change freqs every couple of minutes, the VOPOs home in on his signal and determine which building he's in. They surround the building and sequentially turn off electricity to each floor for a couple of seconds - they know what floor he's on when his signal dies with the lights... A pretty good read.

73

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CC: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Re: CALL SIGN HERITAGE  
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My call, W5BVB is a "vanity call" though I don't consider it to be the proper term. It's former owner, now deceased, was my elmer of some 40 years ago who taught me as much about life as he did radio. Also, since assuming the call, I've met or been in contact with a number of hams from the town where I grew up who recognized the call. I had never met them simply because I was a few years behind them in school. By the time I was hot and heavy into amateur radio, they were high school seniors or college students and hot into more advanced pursuits.

I consider it an honor to now possess this call and hope to be as fine a gentleman as its former holder.

thanks & 73,  
Phil

JOHN.SEHRING@ecunet.org wrote:

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> > > .....I dislike the term "Vanity Call", but that is what the  
> > > FCC calls it. ....  
> >  
> > Why else would someone want to change his call? By going from N9GT to  
> > W9GT you add a "dah" to your call sign therefore it can't be because you  
> > are wearing out your keyer chasing DX. Grabbing a callsign from the  
> > recently deceased is something akin to grave robbery, IMO. The FCC  
> > should have a respectful waiting period before a call is reassigned  
> > unless it is willed to an heir. There can also be something offensive  
> > about rummaging around in someone else's past, some people value their  
> > privacy. "Vanity" is the correct name for it.  
>  
> There is a sufficient waiting period as someone has pointed out.  
>  
> Further, this allegedly sacred call was held by no less than five other  
> hams! So whose memory is being trampled on?  
>  
> If you describe honoring a previous call holder by finding out who a little  
> bit about he/she was (heritage) as "rummaging around", then history has no  
> value either.  
>  
> I am not concerned that someone else may now have the same auto license

> plate number that I've had in the past. We take nothing but our soul into  
> the next life, IMO.  
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> Are we getting way too possessive here?  
>  
> -John Sehring (Fri, Jul 7, 2000, Ipswich SD) UCC WB0EQ

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